

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, immediately after the title, please delete the present heading and insert the following paragraph and heading as follows:

~~Description~~

This specification for the instant application should be granted the priority date of December 23, 2002, the filing date of the corresponding German patent application 202 19 923.1 as well as the priority date of December 22, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding International patent application PCT/EP2003/014746.

Background of the Invention.

On page 2, line 7, please insert the following heading:

--Summary of the Invention--

On page 5, lines 11-13, please amend this paragraph as follows:

The invention also relates to a tower of a gas treatment installation which is equipped with at least one spray fitting ~~of at least one of claims 1 through 8.~~

On page 5, line 14, please insert the following heading:

--Brief Description of the Drawings--

On page 5, lines 21-22, please amend this paragraph as follows:

Fig. 2 shows a side view of the spray fitting of Fig. 2_1 or a partial section along line G-G in Fig. 1;

On page 6, line 8, please insert the following heading:

--Description of Specific Embodiments--

On page 7, lines 17-24, please amend this paragraph as follows:

The distributing pipes 4 are connected with the channel 9 and the distributing pipes 5 are connected with the channel 8, so that the distributing pipes 4 provided on both sides of the main ~~pipe 6~~ pipe 2 form a first spraying system with the channel 9 and the distributing pipes 5 form a

second spraying system with the channel 8, whereby the first spraying system is supplied from the end 2a of the main pipe with treatment liquid, while the other spraying system is supplied from the pipe end 2b.

On page 8, lines 14-23, please amend this paragraph as follows:

As can be seen from Figs. 3A through 3F, the individual distributing pipes are connected via curved connection pieces ~~40~~11 and 12 to the main pipe. As shown in Figs. 2 and 3A-3F, the connection points for the distributing pipes 4 to the pipe 2 lie on both sides of the main pipe 2 respectively over the sheet 7, while the connection points for the distributing pipes 5 lie on both sides of the main pipe under the sheet. The height position of the connection points of the oppositely disposed distributing pipes 4, 5 arranged in pairs on the main pipe increase from one end 2a to the other end 2b of the main pipe 2 corresponding to the slant of the sheet 7.

On page 15, after line 7, please insert the following two new paragraphs:

--The specification incorporates by reference the disclosure of German priority document 202 19 923.1 filed December 23, 2002 and PCT/EP2003/014746 filed Dec. 22, 2003

The present invention is, of course, in no way restricted to the specific disclosure of the specification and drawings, but also encompasses any modifications within the scope of the appended claims.—

In addition, please add the attached abstract to the specification: